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## Flood-ravaged East moving on

### Locals lend a hand

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

On a Friday night, it's not unusual to see the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi milling around Winston-Salem State - not even at 11 o'clock at night.

It wasn't a party or fraternity social that brought the Kappas out last Friday night, although food simmered on a grill and laughter was in the air.

The cardboard boxes neatly arranged on the sidewalk and bursting with bottled water and canned goods were telltale signs that it was not all fun and games.

In their own unique way, the Kappas joined the growing, statewide movement to help victims of Hurricane Floyd.

"My brothers and I decided to sleep outside on the plot and collect goods to send to people in the eastern part of North Carolina," said Tracy Norwood, president of the Delta Chi chapter of the fraternity.

Although Norwood knows that it is impossible for the brothers to experience the devastation that thousands of state residents have endured over the last two weeks, he says by sleeping outside the fraternity hoped to demonstrate how it feels to be suddenly homeless, a predicament that a growing number of North Carolinians are finding themselves in.

By sleeping outside fraternity members could also serve as a kind of live advertisement for the cause, Norwood said.

Fraternity members say curious people seeing them on the plot led to more people dropping off bottles of water, canned goods and other necessities.

Corey May, the vice president of the WSSU chapter, said the event was put together on very short notice. He and Norwood designed a flyer for the event during a telephone conversation and printed and distributed them soon after that.

The brothers announced what they were doing to several classes the day of the sleep-out, and even got a few minutes on the mike to tell the crowd gathered for the annual Mr. Ram Pageant about their efforts.

"Everyone did not really have time to go out and get a sleeping bag, but they are going to rough it out anyway because the people in Rocky Mount are much worse off," May said.

Although news of the event did not reach WSSU students until Friday afternoon, they responded swiftly. In the early hours of the sleep-out, several boxes were already filled with supplies.

Cars continually pulled up to the curb to drop things off, which the Kappas neatly sorted and stacked.

The Kappas said they never doubted that their fellow students would come through for the cause.

"It's distressing when something like (Floyd) happens, but

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Sandra Peele looks through donated clothes as her 2-year-old daughter, Sharrisa, waits at Tarboro High School. The high school is a shelter for the flood victims from the town of Princeville, N.C.

## Flood victims try to cope

BY ANGELA BURRUS  
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**TARBORO** - When Princeville residents Stanley Parker and his wife, Deborah, left their home two weeks ago, all they had were the clothes on their backs.

"When I left, the water was up to my knees," Deborah Parker said.

While she fled to shelter at Tarboro High School, her husband stayed behind to rescue other residents whose homes were lost beneath floodwaters that covered roofs.

"I was one of seven people left," Stanley Parker said. "Some of the dogs tied up, we had to turn them loose. But we were able to save some of them. Overall, I was able to save five people's lives whose homes were under water."

A week later, the Parkers became one of the few families who were able to leave the temporary shelter.

"One of the guys I work with got us a camper," Stanley Parker said.

The couple stood outside the shelter in front of a tent with bags filled with clothes, food and other possessions they received



Floodwaters create a river alongside a highway near Princeville.

from organizations like the American Red Cross and the National Guard.

They were offered a mobile home, but Deborah Parker said it was too far from her job.

"It is 20 miles out of the way

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Fire gutted Saint's Delight Church of Deliverance last March.

## Church's goal to bridge race divide

BY PAUL COLLINS  
THE CHRONICLE

After an arsonist set a fire that destroyed Saint's Delight Church of Deliverance on March 14, the pastor - Bishop Evelyn S. Timmons - said, "Somehow God's going to bring some good out of it."

Maybe He has. After "months of prayer and revelation," the congregation has decided not just to build a better facility but to establish a center for diversity management to focus on such issues as racial and gender bias, separatism ("separate but equal," but not really equal) and non-sectarianism.

Although initially she didn't think so, Timmons now believes the fire was motivated by racism and perhaps gender - a view not shared by K.R. West, assistant fire marshal. "We didn't find any indication it was racially motivated," West said.

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## Diggs ready to move forward

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

The end of a long, hot summer came for most of us last Thursday, the official first day of fall. It came a day earlier for Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Alvin Schexnider.

After being dogged by detractors and questions over financial impropriety throughout the summer, Schexnider appears to have weathered the storm.

The university's board of trustees meeting came and went last Wednesday without mention of the much-anticipated "vote of confidence." Four members of the board's executive committee, led by then-board chair Theodore Blunt, voted unanimously to take a vote of confidence to the full board at the meeting Wednesday, which was rescheduled from Sept. 17 because of Hurricane Floyd.

The executive committee's decision came after a state audit called into question Schexnider's use of public money in several instances over the past year.



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## Liberian refugees' deportation deferred

President gives refugees another year in U.S.

BY JERI YOUNG  
THE CHRONICLE

On Monday, President Clinton granted Liberians in the United States another reprieve from deportation, just one day before they were to lose their temporary status as protected residents.

In the statement issued by the White House, Clinton said he directed Attorney General Janet Reno and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to defer deportations for one year in order to promote stability in Liberia and West Africa.

Clinton approved a one-year "deferred enforced departure" for Liberians. It differs from another extension of temporary protected status but the practical impact for Liberians - staying for another year - is the same.



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